

oath required of the judge or clerk originally appointed. After the opening of the polls no judge or clerk shall absent himself therefrom until all the ballots cast shall have been counted and the returns completed. If, in case of absolute necessity, any judge or clerk in attendance shall be compelled to absent himself, he shall appoint some fit person of the same political party with himself to act in his stead until his return, having first administered to such substitute the same oath as he himself has taken. Blank forms for the appointment of the substitute judges and clerks and the oath aforesaid shall be supplied by the Supervisors, and the oath when administered shall be preserved and returned by the judges to the supervisors. The appointment and swearing in of all such substitutes and the reason therefor, and the time when such substitute began and ceased to serve shall be noted by the judges in the poll book of the precinct; such substitute shall cease to act whenever the judge or clerk in whose stead he was appointed shall be present.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1935.

Approved: May 17, 1935.

CHAPTER 141.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Sections 61 and 62 of Article 17 of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Clerks of Courts," sub-title "Clerks of Circuit Courts," providing for alphabetical indexes of certain records.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 61 and 62 of Article 17 of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, Edition of 1924, title "Clerks of Court," sub-title "Clerks of Circuit Courts," be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, to read as follows:

61. They shall make a full and complete general alphabetical index (unless the same shall have already been done) in a book or books, well bound for that purpose, of all deeds, mortgages, bills of sale, short assignments of mortgages, and other conveyances of record in their respec-